

[54] **MEDICAL INSTRUMENT**

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ABSTRACT

A medical instrument for monitoring fetal heart rate and having an electrode for insertion by rotation in the fetal head, and a torque limiting device for preventing over-penetration of the electrode. The torque limiting device is preferably a helical spring rotatable with the electrode at low torque and arranged to disengage from frictional driving contact at the torque limit.

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